

I am writing to petition in support of the XM-Sirius Satellite Radio Merger. Satellite radio is a member of the vast array of music and information content forms, including traditional radio and handheld music. When I enter my car, satellite radio does not compete between companies (ie XM vs. Sirius). The competition comes between paying for and listening to satellite radio, paying for and listening to a handheld device that can attach to my car stereo, or listening to traditional radio. The merger between XM and Sirius would allow the new company to provide a more competitive array of music, sports, and information to provide to customers. Additionally, they have pledged to keep their prices constant at \$12.95 a month for standard service.

Please rule in favor of the merger between XM and Sirius. The National Association of Broadcasters is looking to reduce competition by preventing this merger, rather than proliferate it. A stronger satellite radio presence would only improve the music/news industry, as it would require traditional radio and handheld devices to continue to innovate and create new products & services. Surely without satellite radio, HD radio would never have gained the attention or recognition it does today, and to prevent satellite radio from thriving like it would under this merger, you will be preventing future innovations from improving the way Americans listen to music, sports, and news.